

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Rushing of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. God, Our Creator, we use this moment to offer a prayer of reflection and of thanks to You for Your guidance as we carry out our personal and legislative obligations and tasks. Inspire us to pause, on occasion, to think about You, spiritual realities and the direction of our own lives. During this era of discovering new knowledge, information and scientific and technological data, grant us the self-confidence and the patience to make measured, not merely emotional, choices and decisions. As elected leaders, we pray for the wisdom and the courage to seek truth at all times as we cope with the needs of the times.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Rushing), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Atkins of Concord.

A statement of Ms. Atkins of Concord was spread upon the records of the House as follows:

Statement of Representative Atkins of Concord. MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Thursday last due to official business outside of the State House. If I had been present for yea and nay Nos. 268, 270, 271 and 272, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative. If I had been present for yea and nay No. 269, I would have voted in the negative. Any roll calls that I may have missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Resolutions.

Michael Stanley Bergeron. Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulating Michael Stanley Bergeron on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2524) of Therese Murray and Jeffrey D. Perry (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Sandwich to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sandwich, liquor license.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2525) of Mark C. Montigny, Robert M. Koczera, Stephen R. Canessa, John F. Quinn and other members of the General Court (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation authorizing the city of New Bedford School Committee and the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth to enter into lease agreement for term not to exceed twenty five years. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. New Bedford School Committee.

A petition of Robert S. Creedon, Jr. and Frank I. Smizik for legislation relative to strengthening the Anti-Slapp Law, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary. Anti-Slapp Law.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2530) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to prevent the sharing of prescription data (House, No. 1005),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Financial Services. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Prescription data.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill protecting the public health (House, No. 4346),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Public Health. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Public health protection.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Financial Services, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3771) of Michael A. Costello and others for legislation to require that certain consumer reporting agencies provide annual credit reports to consumers free of charge,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure; and Credit reports.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4421) of Cory Atkins that the town of Concord be authorized to establish a post-retirement group insurance trust fund,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service. Concord, group health insurance.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

EMS
personnel,
epinephrine.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill allowing emergency personnel to carry epinephrine (House, No. 2046).

Needlestick
injuries.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to needlestick injury prevention in public health facilities and settings (House, No. 2056).

Patient
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1244, 1245, 1261 and 1326 and House, Nos. 2059, 2060, 2074 and 2140, a Bill relative to patient safety (House, No. 2059).

Vaccines,
mercury.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to childhood immunizations (House, No. 2115).

Tobacco
Settlement
Fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to restore the trust by reestablishing the voter mandated health protection fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund (House, No. 2128).

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By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1218 and House, No. 2129, a Bill to direct excess state tobacco settlement receipts to increase state tobacco prevention efforts to reduce tobacco use and its harms (House, No. 2129).

Light
cigarettes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the marketing of light cigarettes and the effect on public health (House, No. 2156).

Physicians,
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2098, 2099 and 2164, a Resolve relative to primary care physician recruitment and retention (House, No. 2164).

Mammograms,
notification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2117 and 2188, a Bill relative to the notification of mammographic examinations (House, No. 2188).

Exercise
physiologists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the licensure of exercise physiologists (House, No. 2252).

Hospitals,
long term
ombudsmen.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for long term care ombudsmen in hospitals (House, No. 2256).

Volunteer
dentistry.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to volunteer dentistry (House, No. 2268).

Hemophilia
Committee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2071, a Bill relative to the Hemophilia Advisory Committee (House, No. 4574).

Allied health
trust fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2109, a Bill establishing the nursing and allied health trust fund (House, No. 4575).

Flavored
cigarettes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2149, a Bill relative to flavored cigarettes in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4576).

Tobacco
products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2167, a Bill to protect children from tobacco products packaged as blunt wraps (House, No. 4577).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Annuity
policies.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to equitable coverage for annuity policies (House, No. 901, changed in section 3, in line 4, by striking

out the following: "January 1, 2007" and inserting in place thereof the following: "January 1, 2009").

By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1061 and House, No. 1816, a Bill relative to widow's benefits (House, No. 1816).

Widows
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to require bidders to make an annual determination of wages (House, No. 1867, changed by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act to require bidders to make an annual determination of wages.").

Public
works
contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1839, a Bill to provide incentives for productive workers compensation audits (House, No. 4573).

Productive
workers,
compensation.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to security of name changes and requests (House, No. 2068).

Marriage,
name
changes.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to purchasing power protection for retiree benefits (House, No. 2420).

Retiree
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the University of Massachusetts Boston lecturers' retirement (House, No. 2743).

UMass
Boston,
lecturers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the State Board of Retirement to grant creditable service to Dorothy Sweeney (House, No. 2772).

Dorothy
Sweeney,
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of DSS (House, No. 2798).

DSS
employees,
retirement.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to revising the composition and duties of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley Heritage District and Commission (see Senate, No. 2310, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the city of Springfield to enter into agreements for library purposes (see House, No. 4082); and

Relative to town meeting members in the town of Framingham (see House, No. 4432);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Wrentham (Senate, No. 2290), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield (Mr. Rushing of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.